## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1.     (Currently Amended) A method for the management of a decoder that is connected to a television set and receives a message for display, identified by an address, from a remote data source, the method comprising the steps of wherein:

[[-]] storing a database is stored in a back-up memory of the decoder from a collection of messages received from the remote data source;

[[-]] updating the database is updated by means of an updating program;

[[-]] storing, from a use of the database, a statistical information table[[,]] including a statistical information element comprising at least one statistical parameter is stored in the decoder; and

managing, by the updating program, the capacity of the back-up memory for receiving a new message for display using the statistical information table.

2.     (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein

[[-]] during a request for connection to a desired address of a message for display, it is first verified that the message for display[[,]] associated with [[this]] the desired address[[,]] is

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first verified as being present in the database and, if [[so]] present, [[it]] the message is taken [[there]]from the database, and

[[-]] if the message is not present, a set of contents of the message for display, located at the desired address, is taken from the remote data source.


3.      (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein

the remote data source is accessed by at least one network selected from the group consisting of means of a cable network, and/or a satellite network, and[[/or]] an internet network.


4.      (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein

[[-]] the remote data source is accessed regularly in order to obtain [[take]] an updated set of updated contents, associated with a message for display, of the database.


5.      (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein

[[-]] the statistical parameter used is an identifier of the message for display, the identifier being a piece of information such as an address, or a word, by which the message for display can be characterized, and the piece of information comprising an address or a word.


6.      (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein

[[-]] a statistical information element comprises a statistical parameter pertaining to a frequency of use of the message for display is placed in a piece of statistical information,

and wherein

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[[-]] when it is no longer possible to save a message for display cannot be saved in the

back-up memory, a message for display present in the database is eliminated, starting from the

with a least used message.

7.     (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein

[[-]] the decoder is associated with a server of an operator,

[[-]] a set of contents pertaining to the table of statistical information table is sent to the

server, and

[[-]] a message piece of information for display, in concordance with selected according

to a profile set up on the basis of the table, is received from the server.

8.     (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein

[[-]] the back-up memory is placed in the decoder.

9.     (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, [[to]] wherein

the database is updated when a use of the decoder allows, the database is updated [[it]].

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